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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION MARCH 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

TOLL-FREE NUMBER SET UP FOR JOB INFORMATION

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,592.0	113,475.0	111,368.0
Unemployment	8,902.0	9,131.0	9,407.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	8.0	8.4
Total Employment	104,690.0	104,344.0	101,961.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,084.0	114,875.0	112,724.0
Unemployment	8,399.0	8,484.0	8,836.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.4	7.8
Total Employment	106,685.0	106,391.0	103,888.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,826.8	7,754.9	7,582.1
Unemployment	552.5	536.0	447.5
Percent Unemployed	7.1	6.9	5.9
Total Employment	7,274.3	7,218.9	7,134.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,880.0	7,822.0	7,633.0
Unemployment	541.0	508.0	438.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.5	5.7
Total Employment	7,339.0	7,314.0	7,195.0

UNEMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

Although total employment rose by over 55,000 between January and February 1985, the expanding number of jobs was not sufficient to accommodate the corresponding increase in job-seekers. Unemployment climbed by 16,500 over the month, totaling 552,500 in the actual series at mid-February. The unemployment rate also rose, to 7.1 percent -- its highest level since January 1984. The increase in joblessness occurred as many people re-entered the labor force seeking work in February, and the economy's growth was not strong enough to support all of them. Some temporary layoffs in manufacturing were reported during the month; and the release of persons hired for Christmas also contributed to the higher levels of unemployment.

In the seasonally adjusted series, unemployment also increased over the month, as the rate rose from 6.5 percent in January to 6.9 percent at mid-February. The seasonally adjusted rate was the same as that recorded in January 1984, before unemployment began dropping substantially. The Nation's economy improved slightly between January and February, as the actual unemployment rate dipped from 8.0 percent to 7.8 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate slid from 7.4 percent to 7.3 percent in February. Both series for the U. S. showed rates below those recorded a year earlier.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**	Feb.'85*	Jan.'85**	Feb.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,700	53,500	52,000	79,700	79,600	79,200	345,200	339,900	312,600
Manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,300	9,700	9,600	9,800	41,800	41,500	37,700
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,100	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,000	4,500	4,600	4,400	28,500	27,900	22,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	9,400	9,400	8,600
Trade	14,500	14,400	13,600	23,900	24,000	23,500	73,000	73,100	67,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,400	4,400	4,300	23,800	23,500	20,600
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,800	12,400	15,200	15,200	15,000	76,000	75,400	66,100
Government	8,200	8,200	8,000	14,000	13,800	13,800	91,600	88,000	88,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	140,000	139,700	141,600	58,500	58,800	58,200	64,500	64,900	63,100
Manufacturing	29,400	29,300	31,500	16,800	17,000	17,200	10,000	10,700	10,500
Mining	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	100	100	100
Construction	8,800	8,700	9,600	6,500	6,900	6,500	3,500	3,500	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,000	11,900	11,300	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	33,400	33,600	32,800	10,700	10,600	10,500	18,400	18,300	17,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,500	5,600	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,200	3,200	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,800	27,800	27,600	7,300	7,300	7,400	11,800	11,800	11,200
Government	20,100	19,900	20,300	10,300	10,100	9,600	14,300	14,200	14,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	50,300	47,900	47,100	134,300	134,000	130,400	1,231.0	1,229.9	1,192.5
Manufacturing	3,400	3,400	3,200	13,900	14,000	13,100	222.1	222.2	218.0
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	7,500	7,500	7,600	23.5	23.4	23.5
Construction	3,100	3,100	2,900	11,100	10,900	10,500	77.2	76.2	74.8
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,500	7,500	7,600	7,800	75.7	75.9	74.9
Trade	10,700	10,600	9,900	34,000	34,000	32,600	325.5	327.1	315.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,400	116.3	116.1	110.5
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,200	7,100	26,800	26,700	25,300	257.9	256.5	247.0
Government	20,600	18,500	19,200	27,200	27,000	27,100	132.8	132.5	128.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	172,300	171,300	168,200	472,600	471,600	453,800	72,700	72,200	69,700
Manufacturing	38,300	38,100	36,300	110,200	109,600	105,300	10,500	10,200	10,500
Mining	400	400	400	4,800	4,800	4,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Construction	9,000	8,700	8,800	28,700	28,300	27,500	3,800	3,800	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,600	9,900	24,200	23,800	23,500	5,900	6,100	6,200
Trade	40,700	41,000	39,300	127,300	129,000	124,300	13,400	13,300	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,400	8,400	26,100	26,100	24,300	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	29,600	29,300	29,700	90,200	89,000	86,300	12,200	12,200	10,800
Government	36,100	35,800	35,400	61,100	61,000	58,100	21,100	20,800	19,000

COUNT OF NONFARM SALARIED JOBS RISES MODERATELY

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas rose by 26,500 over the month, with all of the growth concentrated in nonmanufacturing industries. A large portion of this increase, however, was seasonal in nature. Nonfarm salaried jobs totaled 6,513,900 in mid-February, up 176,900 from the year-ago level.

The beginning of the spring semester at schools and colleges throughout the State provided the main impetus for substantial gains in state and local government, as well as the educational portion of services over the month. Government recorded the largest number of additions of any major industry group in February, as the staffing of schools combined with accessions by other state agencies and stepped-up hiring by the Internal Revenue Service in preparation for the tax season.

Although large gains in services were generated by the educational sector, other service industries also reported sizeable growth over the month. The strongest surge in employment occurred in business and repair services, particularly among temporary employment agencies, data processing firms, and management and public relations businesses. Improved weather brought more business in hotels and other lodging places, especially in the South Central Texas area.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb. '85*	Jan. '85**	Feb. '84**	Feb. '85*	Jan. '85**	Feb. '84**	Feb. '85*	Jan. '85**	Feb. '84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,473.8	1,468.8	1,442.6	63,800	63,900	61,700	31,900	32,200	30,300
Manufacturing	174.3	175.1	174.5	8,400	8,500	8,300	1,700	1,900	1,800
Mining	96.8	96.5	93.6	--	--	--	1,700	1,700	1,600
Construction	109.6	110.6	118.0	3,500	3,500	3,600	1,100	1,100	1,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	101.0	101.2	99.0	3,200	3,200	2,900	3,500	3,600	3,300
Trade	370.4	372.0	362.2	15,600	15,800	14,600	9,900	10,000	8,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	110.6	110.0	104.8	2,700	2,700	2,500	1,500	1,600	1,400
Services & Misc.	330.4	325.1	316.2	11,900	11,800	11,600	5,000	4,800	4,900
Government	180.7	178.3	174.3	18,500	18,400	18,200	7,500	7,500	7,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,700	66,900	65,900	93,200	92,600	90,300	81,400	80,800	78,800
Manufacturing	15,400	15,300	14,900	8,900	8,900	9,100	11,400	11,200	10,500
Mining	4,600	4,600	4,800	600	600	500	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,700	4,700	4,900	4,600	4,300	4,200	4,300	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,300	3,400	5,100	5,100	4,700	2,700	2,600	2,700
Trade	16,300	16,600	16,000	27,000	27,100	26,000	25,000	25,000	24,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	2,900	5,700	5,700	5,400	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	10,900	10,900	10,900	19,800	19,700	19,500	12,200	12,200	11,700
Government	8,400	8,500	8,100	21,500	21,200	20,900	20,500	20,200	20,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	53,600	54,000	49,900	54,400	54,900	50,600	38,500	38,100	36,800
Manufacturing	3,500	3,600	3,500	4,800	4,900	4,900	5,500	5,300	5,400
Mining	12,700	12,900	12,600	8,600	8,600	8,400	900	900	900
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,900	4,100	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,300	2,700	2,700	2,700	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,700	12,900	11,700	16,100	16,200	14,400	9,800	9,700	8,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	9,000	8,900	8,000	8,200	8,400	7,600	7,500	7,500	7,100
Government	6,700	6,700	5,400	7,800	7,700	7,000	6,700	6,600	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	466,000	463,600	447,400	37,200	36,600	35,500	46,000	46,200	42,800
Manufacturing	51,700	51,500	50,400	12,100	11,600	11,700	7,700	7,700	6,800
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,400	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,100	34,300	32,800	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,600	1,700	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,900	17,900	18,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	121,400	122,500	114,400	8,100	8,100	7,400	11,700	11,800	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	34,700	34,400	33,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,800	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	101,000	99,200	96,300	7,100	7,000	6,700	8,400	8,500	8,000
Government	100,600	100,200	99,100	4,900	4,900	4,800	12,800	12,800	12,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	61,000	60,800	60,200	29,300	29,200	28,700	77,100	76,400	74,800
Manufacturing	12,800	12,700	12,100	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,500	15,200	15,500
Mining	3,400	3,500	3,600	2,900	2,900	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,700	2,600	2,300	4,100	4,000	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	15,800	15,900	15,400	8,000	8,000	7,900	19,100	19,400	18,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	1,700	1,700	1,600	5,000	4,900	4,800
Services & Misc.	12,000	11,900	12,000	5,400	5,400	5,200	18,200	17,800	17,300
Government	8,000	7,800	7,900	4,200	4,200	4,200	11,600	11,500	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,700	51,700	50,800						
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	8,800						
Mining	3,400	3,400	3,300						
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,100						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,400						
Government	10,200	10,100	10,300						

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Feb. 1985*	Jan. 1985**	Feb. 1984**	Change From Jan. 1985	Change From Feb. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,513,900	6,487,400	6,337,000	26,500	176,900
Manufacturing	999,200	999,600	979,800	-400	19,400
Durable Goods	580,900	581,900	566,300	-1,000	14,600
Lumber & Wood Products	40,700	41,200	41,500	-500	-800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,200	0	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,800	17,900	18,000	-100	-200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,200	48,200	48,500	0	-300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,600	23,500	22,500	100	1,100
Primary Metal Industries	35,900	36,000	35,300	-100	600
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,600	82,700	80,400	900	3,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,000	42,800	42,400	200	600
Machinery, Except Electrical	132,700	132,600	127,900	100	4,800
Oil Field Machinery	40,800	40,500	37,700	300	3,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,700	110,500	104,200	-800	5,500
Transportation Equipment	77,000	77,000	74,900	0	2,100
Aircraft & Parts	39,900	39,700	38,200	200	1,700
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	22,700	22,800	0	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,600	13,100	12,800	-500	-200
Nondurable Goods	418,300	417,700	413,500	600	4,800
Food & Kindred Products	97,200	97,100	92,800	100	4,400
Meat Products	25,600	25,000	24,700	600	900
Dairy Products	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100
Bakery Products	11,400	11,700	10,500	-300	900
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,700	60,400	62,100	300	-1,400
Paper & Allied Products	23,800	23,900	23,600	-100	200
Printing & Publishing	72,300	71,900	70,600	400	1,700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	35,700	35,500	200	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,900	76,900	76,200	0	700
Petroleum & Coal Products	41,300	41,400	42,200	-100	-900
Petroleum Refining	38,100	38,200	38,900	-100	-800
Leather & Leather Products	7,800	7,600	8,100	200	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,700	33,100	-200	400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,514,700	5,487,800	5,357,200	26,900	157,500
Mining	272,700	272,700	266,400	0	6,300
Oil & Gas Extraction	263,300	263,400	256,800	-100	6,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,300	9,600	100	-200
Construction	425,700	422,900	424,700	2,800	1,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	371,900	371,700	367,300	200	4,600
Railroad Transportation	24,500	24,500	24,800	0	-300
Transportation, Except Railroads	180,900	180,500	173,600	400	7,300
Transportation by Air	37,700	37,600	36,900	100	800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,900	87,900	90,000	0	-2,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,600	78,800	78,900	-200	-300
Electric Services	44,400	44,400	44,100	0	300
Gas Production & Distribution	28,000	28,200	29,000	-200	-1,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,607,200	1,617,600	1,579,200	-10,400	28,000
Wholesale Trade	427,600	427,400	430,000	200	-2,400
Retail Trade	1,179,600	1,190,200	1,149,200	-10,600	30,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	53,400	53,400	52,200	0	1,200
General Merchandise Stores	153,800	159,500	146,900	-5,700	6,900
Food Stores	211,300	212,900	204,300	-1,600	7,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,800	135,400	131,600	-600	3,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,500	82,100	78,600	-1,600	1,900
Other Retail Trade	545,800	546,900	535,600	-1,100	10,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	422,200	420,900	406,800	1,300	15,400
Banking	105,500	105,400	102,900	100	2,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	129,200	128,800	125,400	400	3,800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	187,500	186,700	178,500	800	9,000
Services	1,283,300	1,270,500	1,231,500	12,800	51,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	76,500	75,400	76,400	1,100	100
Personal Services	81,500	81,800	76,200	-300	5,300
Business & Repair Services	363,900	358,800	337,400	5,100	31,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	50,400	50,100	45,400	300	5,000
Health Services	341,900	341,700	342,300	200	-400
Educational Services	59,700	56,100	60,700	3,600	-1,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	309,400	306,600	293,100	2,800	16,300
Total Government	1,131,700	1,111,500	1,081,300	20,200	50,400
Total Federal Government	181,400	180,100	174,300	1,300	7,100
Total State Government	274,200	261,500	248,700	12,700	25,500
Total Local Government	676,100	669,900	658,300	6,200	17,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	Feb. '85*	Jan. '85**	Feb. '84**	Feb. '85*	Jan. '85**	Feb. '84**	Feb. '85*	Jan. '85**	Feb. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,500	63,000	62,300	99,500	99,000	98,600	387,800	380,900	351,700
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,200	2,600	5,800	5,900	4,700	13,800	14,700	9,900
Percent Unemployed	4.9	5.1	4.2	5.8	6.0	4.8	3.6	3.9	2.8
Total Employment 2/	60,400	59,800	59,700	93,700	93,100	93,900	374,000	366,200	341,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,100	173,700	175,000	82,500	81,900	81,900	92,600	92,700	89,400
Total Unemployment	23,100	22,700	19,300	6,500	5,900	5,200	14,200	13,700	12,200
Percent Unemployed	13.2	13.1	11.0	7.9	7.2	6.3	15.3	14.8	13.6
Total Employment 2/	152,000	151,000	155,700	76,000	76,000	76,700	78,400	79,000	77,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,500	56,500	56,100	168,900	167,200	163,800	1,288.8	1,269.3	1,247.3
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,500	2,000	15,900	15,200	13,600	57.6	55.7	41.8
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.4	3.6	9.4	9.1	8.3	4.5	4.4	3.4
Total Employment 2/	56,800	54,000	54,100	153,000	152,000	150,200	1,231.2	1,224.6	1,205.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	202,500	200,500	195,500	596,000	592,700	573,200	95,700	94,600	90,700
Total Unemployment	24,200	23,200	18,700	28,100	28,600	22,300	11,100	11,000	8,000
Percent Unemployed	12.0	11.6	9.6	4.7	4.8	3.9	11.6	11.6	8.8
Total Employment 2/	178,300	177,300	176,800	567,900	564,100	550,900	84,600	83,600	82,700
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,657.2	1,639.9	1,621.2	76,600	76,400	73,200	39,600	39,600	38,600
Total Unemployment	124.9	120.0	107.0	5,100	5,100	3,500	7,000	7,200	7,300
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.3	6.6	6.7	6.7	4.8	17.7	18.2	18.9
Total Employment 2/	1,532.3	1,519.9	1,514.2	71,500	71,300	69,700	32,600	32,400	31,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,900	76,700	76,500	112,400	110,800	110,400	125,000	122,700	116,700
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,400	6,300	6,300	5,900	6,300	29,800	28,700	26,700
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.6	8.2	5.6	5.3	5.7	23.8	23.4	22.9
Total Employment 2/	69,600	69,300	70,200	106,100	104,900	104,100	95,200	94,000	90,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	66,300	66,600	62,200	69,200	69,400	64,700	50,200	49,800	48,800
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,100	2,500	3,900	3,900	3,800	2,200	2,500	1,900
Percent Unemployed	4.4	4.7	4.0	5.6	5.6	5.9	4.4	5.0	3.9
Total Employment 2/	63,400	63,500	59,700	65,300	65,500	60,900	48,000	47,300	46,900
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	527,800	521,800	504,700	42,900	42,400	41,200	50,900	50,600	47,600
Total Unemployment	31,300	29,300	23,100	3,300	2,900	2,500	4,900	4,500	3,800
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.6	4.6	7.7	6.8	6.1	9.6	8.9	8.0
Total Employment 2/	496,500	492,500	481,600	39,600	39,500	38,700	46,000	46,100	43,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,900	79,700	79,400	37,300	37,100	37,100	92,100	91,400	88,700
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,600	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,500	5,400	5,600	3,700
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.8	4.4	6.2	6.2	6.7	5.9	6.1	4.2
Total Employment 2/	76,300	75,100	75,900	35,000	34,800	34,600	86,700	85,800	85,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,800	61,500	60,800				7,826.8	7,754.9	7,582.1
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,600	2,700				552.5	536.0	447.5
Percent Unemployed	6.1	5.9	4.4				7.1	6.9	5.9
Total Employment 2/	58,000	57,900	58,100				7,274.3	7,218.9	7,134.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.± 1985	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984	Feb.± 1985	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984	Feb.± 1985	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$377.51	$379.35	$372.60	40.9	41.1	41.4	$ 9.23	$ 9.23	$ 9.00
Durable Goods	372.45	370.72	365.66	41.2	41.1	41.6	9.04	9.02	8.79
Lumber & Wood Products	253.37	250.13	256.49	38.1	37.5	39.4	6.65	6.67	6.51
Furniture & Fixtures	234.60	220.29	221.76	39.1	37.4	38.3	6.00	5.89	5.79
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	370.16	354.47	362.66	43.6	41.9	43.8	8.49	8.46	8.28
Primary Metal Industries	410.17	420.45	404.01	39.9	40.9	41.1	10.28	10.28	9.83
Fabricated Metal Products	368.43	363.21	355.19	42.3	41.7	40.5	8.71	8.71	8.77
Machinery, exc. Electric	376.33	384.02	377.83	41.4	42.2	42.5	9.09	9.10	8.89
Oil Field Machinery	458.34	480.91	484.55	42.4	43.6	44.7	10.81	11.03	10.84
Electric & Electronic Equip.	391.68	399.00	381.71	40.8	42.0	41.4	9.60	9.50	9.22
Transportation Equipment	523.02	513.15	510.22	42.8	42.2	44.6	12.22	12.16	11.44
Instruments & Related Prod.	295.30	289.93	297.61	38.5	38.3	38.5	7.67	7.57	7.73
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	254.31	243.02	272.69	37.9	36.6	38.9	6.71	6.64	7.01
Nondurable Goods	384.35	392.35	381.41	40.5	41.3	41.1	9.49	9.50	9.28
Food & Kindred Products	312.05	328.38	332.28	39.6	42.1	42.6	7.88	7.80	7.80
Meat Products	249.10	282.08	285.09	37.8	43.0	43.0	6.59	6.56	6.63
Malt Beverages	749.13	714.40	655.02	46.3	44.4	41.3	16.18	16.09	15.86
Textile Mill Products	275.26	279.47	270.76	40.9	41.9	40.9	6.73	6.67	6.62
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.27	192.65	184.09	38.5	38.3	37.8	5.02	5.03	4.87
Paper & Allied Products	412.41	426.15	418.47	41.7	42.7	43.5	9.89	9.98	9.62
Printing & Publishing	350.22	353.81	339.16	39.0	39.4	39.3	8.98	8.98	8.63
Chemicals & Allied Products	609.29	614.76	592.91	42.4	42.9	42.2	14.37	14.33	14.05
Petroleum & Coal Products	635.25	642.26	617.27	43.6	43.9	43.5	14.57	14.63	14.19
Petroleum Refining	660.00	666.27	641.36	44.0	44.3	43.6	15.00	15.04	14.71
Leather & Leather Products	224.24	197.22	205.15	39.9	35.6	37.3	5.62	5.54	5.50
Other Nondurable Goods	350.27	359.92	356.42	41.6	41.9	41.3	8.42	8.59	8.63
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	482.90	479.81	483.89	45.3	44.8	48.1	10.66	10.71	10.06
Oil & Gas Extraction	485.78	483.57	486.77	45.4	44.9	48.1	10.70	10.77	10.12
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	424.39	396.76	400.22	44.3	42.8	46.7	9.58	9.27	8.57
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	449.40	445.66	425.88	39.7	39.3	39.0	11.32	11.34	10.92
Elec., Gas & San. Services	441.45	442.30	430.36	40.5	40.1	41.5	10.90	11.03	10.37
Wholesale & Retail Trade	231.84	229.81	229.81	33.6	33.5	34.3	6.90	6.86	6.70
Wholesale Trade	363.13	361.03	350.64	39.3	39.2	39.8	9.24	9.21	8.81
Retail Trade	188.30	187.07	188.57	31.7	31.6	32.4	5.94	5.92	5.82
General Merchandise Stores	180.58	175.84	164.58	30.4	31.4	29.6	5.94	5.60	5.56
Banking	268.16	268.16	256.61	38.2	38.2	39.6	7.02	7.02	6.48

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$366.33	$365.92	$343.51	41.3	41.3	40.7	$ 8.87	$ 8.86	$ 8.44
Durable Goods	383.22	381.97	356.24	41.7	41.7	40.9	9.19	9.16	8.71
Nondurable Goods	328.85	332.51	320.37	40.3	40.5	40.4	8.16	8.21	7.93
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	376.13	377.73	371.42	41.7	41.6	42.4	9.02	9.08	8.76
Durable Goods	392.60	394.59	389.05	41.9	41.8	42.8	9.37	9.44	9.09
Nondurable Goods	336.18	337.02	325.86	41.3	41.1	41.3	8.14	8.20	7.89
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	462.00	473.24	444.11	42.0	43.1	41.7	11.00	10.98	10.65
Durable Goods	403.74	416.98	402.38	42.1	43.3	42.4	9.59	9.63	9.49
Nondurable Goods	541.35	548.70	501.43	41.9	42.8	40.9	12.92	12.82	12.26
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	268.31	263.84	268.77	39.4	38.8	40.6	6.81	6.80	6.62
Durable Goods	286.38	276.26	292.82	39.5	38.0	41.3	7.25	7.27	7.09
Nondurable Goods	250.49	250.43	245.78	39.2	39.5	39.9	6.39	6.34	6.16

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Milder weather also benefitted the construction industry, as 2,800 jobs were added over the month, primarily in special trades such as painting, electrical work, and masonry. Even this fairly large increase, however, failed to bring construction employment back up to its mid-1984 level.

Finance, insurance and real estate firms added 1,300 workers in February, with growth in both the other finance, insurance and real estate segment and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers. The only sector of transportation and public utilities which reported any additions in February was transportation, except railroads.

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The uncertainty concerning foreign oil prices kept oil and gas extraction activities at a standstill over the month, constraining employment in mining as a whole. Although a large number of persons hired for Christmas in retail trade had been released in January, most of the remaining seasonal hires were deleted in February following inventory-taking. The majority of these layoffs occurred in general merchandise stores.

Small, scattered increases among several durable and nondurable goods sectors were more than offset by a few larger declines, pushing manufacturing employment down by 400 in February. Those industries which reported sizeable additions included fabricated metal industries (the only durable goods industry which exhibited much growth); printing and publishing, where school yearbooks were being produced; and apparel and other finished textile products. Economic layoffs in electric and electronic equipment continued a downward trend in this industry as demand slowed. Lumber and wood products and miscellaneous manufacturing industries also recorded moderate cutbacks in February. There were an estimated 663,900 manufacturing production workers in February, up only 200 from January's estimate.

WEEKLY HOURS DROP

The average manufacturing production worker's hourly earnings remained constant between January and February, at $9.23 an hour; but average hours worked fell by 0.2 hour, to 40.9 hours, lowering average weekly earnings to $377.51, down $1.84 from January's average. All of the losses were concentrated in the nondurable goods sector, where employees worked almost a full hour less per week in February and hourly earnings dropped by 1¢ over the month. Average weekly earnings in nondurable goods dropped by $8.00 between January and February.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984
Total Population	16,143,900	15,878,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	2.0
UI Covered Employers	307,054	296,839
Total Claims Actions	502,829	575,621
Total Initial Claims Actions	64,706	65,079
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	438,123	510,542
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$137.27	$131.53
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$50,210,391	$58,807,792
Total Placements	30,906	34,328

*Revised.
**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.